REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Office Action of July 10, 2008, and the Advisory Action of January 15, 2009. This Amendment is in full response thereto. Thus, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

Claims 49 - 54, 56, 57, 70, and 71 are pending. With this amendment, claims 44 - 48, 55, and 58 - 69 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Objections:

Claims 49 - 54, 56, and 57 stand objected to. Claim 49 has been amended to include the limitations of currently cancelled claims 44 and 45 upon which it had previously been dependent. No new matter has been added. Claims 49 - 54, 56, and 57 now stand in condition for allowance.

Allowable Claims:

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has designated that claims 70 and 71 are free of the prior art and hence allowable.

Conclusion

Accordingly, it is believed that the present application now stands in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe a telephone call would expedite the prosecution of the application, he/she is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

It is not believed that any fee is due at this time. If that belief is incorrect, please debit deposit account number 01-1375. Also, the Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 01-1375.

Respectfully submitted,

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